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Addendum

Programme questions: proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005

(Item 4 (a))

Section 26
Palestine refugees

1. At its 21st meeting, on 24 June 2003, the Committee for Programme and Coordination considered section 26, Palestine refugees, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005 (A/58/6 (Sect. 26)).

2. The representative of the Secretary-General introduced section 26 and responded to queries raised during the Committee's consideration of the budget section.

Discussion

3. Support was expressed for the overall objectives and for the activities undertaken by the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA) in the Near East. The work done in the field was considered to be very important, and the critical role played by the Agency in the search for peace and stability in the Middle East was recognized.

4. Appreciation was expressed for the results-based budgeting narrative of the fascicle which was considered to be a model.

5. A view was expressed that the reason for proposing the discontinuation of one output was solely the result of a lack of funding and not because the output was

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obsolete or of marginal value. A view was expressed that the secretariat should redouble its efforts towards mobilizing additional extrabudgetary resources and expand the UNRWA donor base.

Conclusions and recommendations

6. **The Committee recommended that the General Assembly approve the programme narrative of section 26, Palestine refugees, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005.**